

A photograph of a two-story, light-colored building with large windows, identified as the Inland Counties EMS Agency. The building has a modern, institutional design. In the foreground, there is a paved parking lot with several marked spaces, including one with a wheelchair symbol. A small landscaped area with tall grasses is in front of the building. The text "INLAND COUNTIES EMS AGENCY" is visible on the building's facade. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter.

ICEMA Policy and Protocol Update

**Changes Effective
May 1, 2013**

Objectives

- Review changes to current policy and protocols effective May 1, 2013
- Provide training and evaluation for current and new policies and protocols
- Introduce Dextrose dosing addition for neonates
- Changes to Midazolam dosing for adults and pediatrics

Dextrose Dose Changes

- **Dextrose – Pediatric (LALS, ALS)**

For neonates (0-4 weeks), if blood glucose < 35 mg/dL

Dextrose 25% (0.25 g/ml) Diluted 1:1, give 0.5 g/kg (4ml/kg) IV/IO

- Change made to reduce the chance of hyperosmotic fluid shifts in neonates
- Hyperosmolar syndrome resulting from rapid administration of concentrated dextrose may cause hypovolemia, dehydration, mental confusion and loss of consciousness
- In neonates, high dextrose concentrations may result in hyper osmolality and possible intracerebral hemorrhage

Midazolam Dose Change

Midazolam – Pediatric (ALS)

Seizures

- Midazolam 0.1 mg/kg IV/IO with maximum dose 2.5mg. May repeat Midazolam in five (5) minutes. Do not to exceed adult dosage, or
- Midazolam 0.2 mg/kg IM/IN with maximum dose of 5 mg. May repeat Midazolam in ten (10) minutes for continued seizure. Do not to exceed adult dosage.
- Assess patient for medication related reduced respiratory rate or hypotension
- Maximum of three (3) doses using any combination of IM/IN/IV/IO may be given for continued seizure activity. Contact Base Station for additional orders and to discuss further treatment options.

Midazolam Dose - Adult

Midazolam - Adult (ALS)

(Seizure)

- Midazolam, 2.5 mg IN/IV/IO. May repeat in five (5) minutes for continued seizure activity, or
- Midazolam 5 mg IM. May repeat in ten (10) minutes for continued seizure activity
- Assess patient for medication related reduced respiratory rate or hypotension
- Maximum of three (3) doses using any combination of IM/IN/IV/IO may be given for continued seizure activity. Contact Base Station for additional orders and to discuss further treatment options.

Policies and Protocols

- *The following protocols have changes in the dosages of Midazolam and/or Dextrose*
- 11080 Altered Level of Consciousness
- 13020 Heat Related Emergencies
- 13030 Altered Level of Consciousness - Adult
- 14050 Altered Level of Consciousness - Pediatric
- 14060 Seizures – Pediatric
- 14080 Obstetrical Emergencies

Altered Level of Consciousness/Seizures – Adult

ICEMA Reference 11080

- Establishes field assessment and treatment indicators for adult patients with ALOC and Seizures
- Changes
 - Added Limited-ALS interventions
 - Midazolam dosing and interventional criteria changes
 - **If interventions are unsuccessful after three doses, contact base physician to discuss treatment options**

Heat Related Emergencies

ICEMA Reference 13020

- Establishes field assessment and treatment indicators for Heat Related Emergencies
- Changes
 - Added Limited ALS interventions
 - Adult LALS
 - Fluid bolus of 500cc NS repeat if continued signs of inadequate tissue perfusion
 - Pediatric LALS (under 9)
 - Initial 20cc/kg IV Bolus repeat for continued signs of inadequate tissue perfusion

Heat Related Emergencies

Continued

- Midazolam dosing and interventional criteria changes
- Does not limit dose to a single route
- Maximum of three doses using any route
- Monitor patient for reduced respiratory rate or hypotension
- **If interventions are unsuccessful after three doses, contact base physician to discuss treatment options**

Cold Related Emergencies

ICEMA Reference 13030

- Establishes field assessment and treatment indicators for Cold Related Emergencies
- Changes
 - Added Limited-ALS interventions
 - Added dosing for Dextrose

Altered Level of Consciousness – Pediatric

ICEMA Reference 14050

- Establishes field assessment and treatment indicators for ALOC in Pediatric patients
 - Changes
 - Added LALS interventions
 - Added neonate Dextrose dilution to prevent hyperosmotic fluid shifts

Seizure – Pediatric

ICEMA Reference 14060

- Establishes field assessment and treatment indicators for Seizures in Pediatric patients
 - Changes
 - Added LALS interventions
 - Added Dextrose and neonate dilution to prevent hyperosmotic fluid shifts

Seizure – Pediatric

Continued

- Midazolam dosing and interventional criteria changes
- Does not limit dose to a single route
- Maximum of three doses using any route
- Monitor patient for reduced respiratory rate or hypotension
- **If interventions are unsuccessful after three doses, contact base physician to discuss treatment options**

Obstetrical Emergencies

ICEMA Reference 14080

- Establishes field assessment and treatment indicators for Obstetrical Emergencies
- Changes
 - Use of Magnesium Sulfate for Pregnancy Induced Hypertension removed
 - Magnesium Sulfate (MgSO_4) remains a treatment for active seizures in pregnancy
 - Magnesium and Midazolam removed from Base Station and Radio Communication failure

Obstetrical Emergencies

Continued

- Midazolam Dose Changes
 - 2.5 mg IV/IO repeat in 5 minutes for a maximum dose of 5mg IV/IO
 - 5mg IM may repeat in 5 minutes for a maximum dose of 10mg IM
 - Base Station may order Dopamine infusion at 400 mg in 250 ml NS titrated between 5-20mcg/kg/min to maintain adequate tissue perfusion

Evaluation

1. According to ICEMA Reference #11080 *Altered Level of Consciousness/Seizures – Adult*, the correct dose of Midazolam for a tonic/clonic type seizure in an adult is:
 - a. Midazolam 2.5 mg IN/IV/IO or Midazolam 5 mg IM
 - b. Midazolam 5 mg IM then 2.5 mg IV after establishing an IV
 - c. Midazolam 5-10 mg IM or 2.5-5 mg IV/IO/IN
 - d. None of the above
2. According to ICEMA Reference #11080 *Altered Level of Consciousness/Seizures—Adult*, the dose of Midazolam may be repeated using **any route** during the treatment of the patient. How many times may Midazolam be given prior to making base station contact?
 - a. Three
 - b. Once
 - c. Twice
 - d. None
3. While administering Midazolam, according to ICMEA protocols, the patient should be monitored for reduced respiratory rate or hypotension.
 - a. True
 - b. False
4. The primary purpose for making base contact after administering the maximum number of doses of Midazolam in the ICEMA protocols is to
 - a. Discuss treatment options
 - b. Discuss patient condition
 - c. Discuss additional orders
 - d. All of the above
5. According to ICEMA Reference 13020 *Heat Related Emergencies*, Midazolam may be given for tonic/clonic type seizures. If an initial dose of Midazolam is given IM, which of the following statements is correct?
 - a. May repeat in 10 minutes using only the IM route for continued seizure activity
 - b. May repeat after 5 minutes, same as for IN/IV/IO
 - c. May repeat using any route (IM/IN/IV/IO) after 10 minutes for continued seizure activity.
 - d. None of the above

Evaluation Continued

6. According to ICEMA Reference #14060 *Seizure - Pediatric*, Midazolam may be given for tonic/clonic type seizures. The dosage may be repeated for continued seizure activity but must not exceed
 - a. 10mg IM for the second dose
 - b. Regardless of route, the maximum combined dose must not exceed the adult dose
 - c. Three separate doses
 - d. B and C only
7. Dextrose treatment for neonates (0-4) weeks old with blood glucose < 60 mg/dL was added to ICEMA Reference #14060. A primary concern in diluting the solution with additional fluid is to reduce the chance of hyperosmotic fluid shifts in this population.
 - a. True
 - b. False
8. According to ICEMA Reference #14080 *Obstetrical Emergencies*, the following should be provided for Pregnancy Induced Hypertension without seizure **except**:
 - a. Maintain IV rate at TKO, limit fluid intake
 - b. Obtain rhythm strip with copy to receiving hospital
 - c. Administer Magnesium Sulfate if patient is hypertensive (150/100 or greater) 4 gms in 100 cc of NS at 30cc hour to prevent seizures
 - d. Place in left lateral position and obtain B/P after five (5) minutes.
9. According to ICEMA Reference #14080 *Obstetrical Emergencies*, Magnesium Sulfate may be given to a patient with tonic/clonic activity. The correct initial loading dose is
 - a. Magnesium Sulfate 4 gms diluted with 20 ml NS, IV/IO over 3-4 minutes
 - b. Magnesium Sulfate 4 gms diluted in 100 cc of NS, IV/IO over 3-4 minutes
 - c. Magnesium Sulfate 4 gms diluted with 20ml of NS, rapid IV/IO push
 - d. Magnesium Sulfate may not be used in the ICEMA region for pregnancy induced seizures